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certificate, and having this certificate you will blow your whistle five times before docking or dropping anchor, as a signal that the certificate is in your possession

Very respectfully,
J. B. BELLINGER,
Depot Quartermaster in charge Ocean Transportation.
PILOT, Port Tampa, Fla.

Fumigation of mails from Santiago.

The following dispatch has been transmitted to this Bureau from the office of the General Superintendent of the Railway Mail Service, Post Office Department:

PLAYA, VIA HAITI, July 16, 1898.

SIBONEY, CUBA, July 16.—As the result of a conference held this morning between Col. Greenleaf, Chief Surgeon, U. S. A., Dr. Guitéras, yellow-fever expert, Maj. Lagarde and myself, all pouches and sacks will be thoroughly fumigated with a solution provided for that purpose.

The method is simple, but deemed effective. It will be my duty when dispatching mail to the States to certify to Maj. Lagarde that fumigation as ordered at the conference has been done. The first mail under these directions will leave for Jacksonville on the steamer *Aransas*.

LOUIS KEMPNER,
Acting Postal Agent.

To the FIRST ASSISTANT POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

Report on the arrival of the steamship Ellen Rickmers at Baltimore.

BALTIMORE, MD., July 22, 1898.

SIR: I have the honor to report that I carefully inspected the immigrants from the steamship *Ellen Rickmers* upon their release from quarantine July 20, and beyond 1 case of measles, found no sickness among them. The case of measles occurred in a family of 6, and the family were ordered detained for observation, and the patient sent to the University Hospital.

The attention of the commissioner was called to the circular of May 1, 1896, and I was given reliable assurance that its provisions would be carried out. Two cases of smallpox had developed the second day out, and were isolated by the doctor before the disease was diagnosed, smallpox being suspected. One case died and was buried by the local quarantine authorities. The other case was detained in quarantine. The vessel (except hold and cargo) and the effects of passengers and crew were disinfected before release.

Respectfully, yours,
C. H. GARDNER,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Smallpox epidemic in Kentucky.

LOUISVILLE, KY., July 20, 1898.

SIR: I have the honor to state that smallpox is reported, in an epidemic form, in southeastern Kentucky—Laurel, Clay, and Jackson counties.

I have the honor to inclose a clipping from the *Courier-Journal*, of